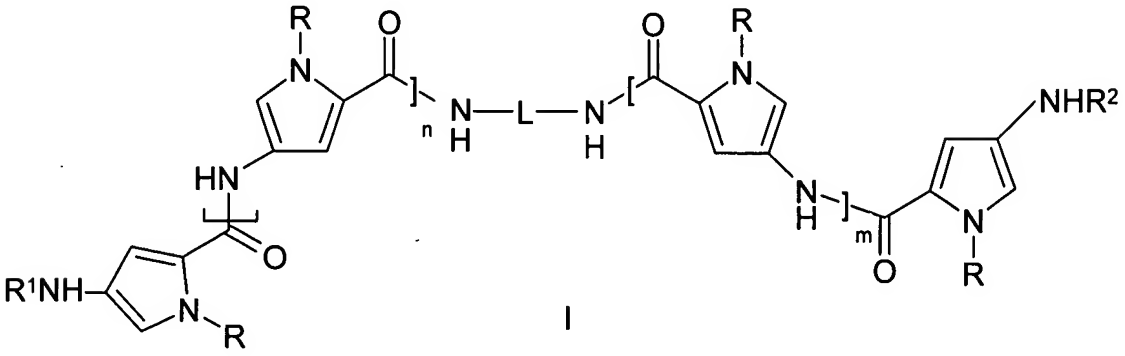
AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A compound of Formula (I):



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wherein:

each R is independently alkyl or cycloalkyl**alkyl;**

R^1 and R^2 are, independently of each other:

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) alkyl; or

(iii) $-COR^3$ wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, or alkyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, guanidino, amidino, aminoacyl, $-NHCOR^a$ (wherein R^a is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), $-NHCONHR^a$ (wherein R^a is as defined above), aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, and $-OR^b$ (where R^b is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted

alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group that can form a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt;

n and m are independently an integer from 0 to 4; and

L is:

(i) alkylene or cycloalkylene;

(ii) alkylene substituted with one, two or three substituent(s) selected from the group consisting of aryl, -CONHR^4 (wherein R^4 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl, heterocyclic, substituted heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, or –$(CHR^5)_{n1}$-CO-$(NH\text{-}Ar^3\text{-}CO)_m$-NH-$Ar^4$-CO-NHR^3 where n1 is 1 to 3, R^5 is hydrogen or alkyl, substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^3 are as defined above), -CONHNHR^6 [wherein R^6 is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, -COR^7, -COOR^8 (wherein R^7 and R^8 are independently of each other alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl), heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl], -NHR^9 (wherein R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkylcarbonyl, or heterocycliccarbonyl), and guanidino; or

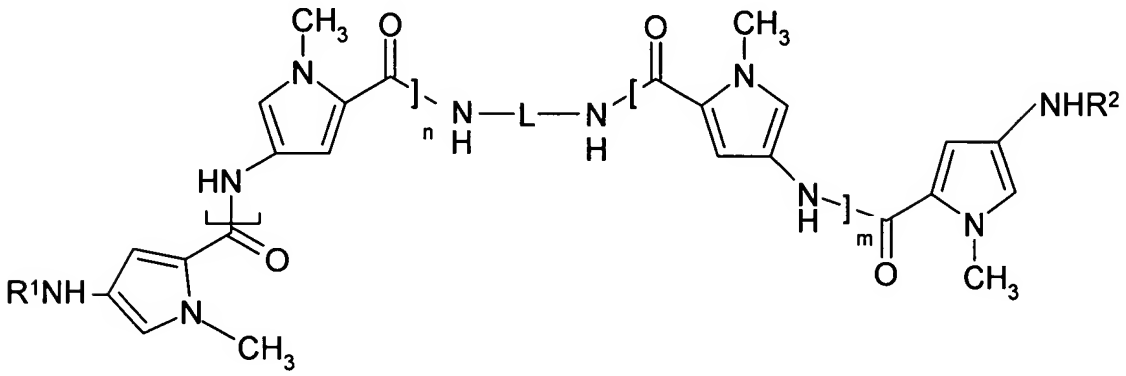
(iii) -$(alkylene)_x$-Z-$(alkylene)_y$-$(Z^a)_z$- wherein x, y and z are independently 0, 1, or 2 and Z and Z^a are, independently of each other, phenylene, cycloalkylene optionally fused to one or two phenylene ring(s), heterocyclene, -O-, -S-, -NR^{10}- [wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, -CONHR^4, -COR^7, -COOR^8 (where R^4, R^7 and R^8 are as defined above), -SO_2R^{11} (where R^{11} is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl) or -$(CHR^5)_{n2}$-NH-$(CO\text{-}Ar^3\text{-}NH)_m$-CO-$Ar^4$-NHR^2 where n2 is 2 to 4, R^5 is hydrogen, alkyl, or substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^2 are as defined above], -CO-NH-, or -NH-CO-, provided that

when Z and/or Z^a is $-NR^{10}-$ then it is separated from another nitrogen atom by at least two carbon atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): A compound of the formula:



R^1 and R^2 are, independently of each other:

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) alkyl; or

(iii) $-COR^3$ wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, or alkyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, guanidino, amidino, aminoacyl, $-NHCOR^a$ (wherein R^a is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), $-NHCONHR^a$ (wherein R^a is as defined above), aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, and $-OR^b$ (where R^b is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or

substituted heteroaralkyl), provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group that can form a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt;

n and m are independently an integer from 0 to 4; and

L is:

(i) alkylene or cycloalkylene;

(ii) alkylene substituted with one, two or three substituent(s) selected from the group consisting of aryl, -$CONHR^4$ (wherein R^4 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl, heterocyclic, substituted heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, or $-(CHR^5)_{n1}$-CO-$(NH\text{-}Ar^3\text{-}CO)_m$-NH-$Ar^4$-CO-$NHR^3$ where n1 is 1 to 3, R^5 is hydrogen or alkyl, substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^3 are as defined above), -$CONHNHR^6$ [wherein R^6 is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, -COR^7, -$COOR^8$ (wherein R^7 and R^8 are independently of each other alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl), heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl], -NHR^9 (wherein R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkylcarbonyl, or heterocycliccarbonyl), and guanidino; or

(iii) -$(alkylene)_x$-Z-$(alkylene)_y$-$(Z^a)_z$- wherein x, y and z are independently 0, 1, or 2 and Z and Z^a are, independently of each other, phenylene, cycloalkylene optionally fused to one or two phenylene ring(s), heterocyclene, -O-, -S-, -NR^{10}- [wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, -$CONHR^4$, -COR^7, -$COOR^8$ (where R^4, R^7 and R^8 are as defined above), -SO_2R^{11} (where R^{11} is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl) or -$(CHR^5)_{n2}$-NH-$(CO\text{-}Ar^3\text{-}NH)_m$-CO-$Ar^4$-$NHR^2$ where n2 is 2 to 4, R^5 is hydrogen, alkyl, or substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^2 are as defined above], -CO-NH-, or -NH-CO-, provided that

when Z and/or Z^a is $-NR^{10}$- then it is separated from another nitrogen atom by at least two carbon atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

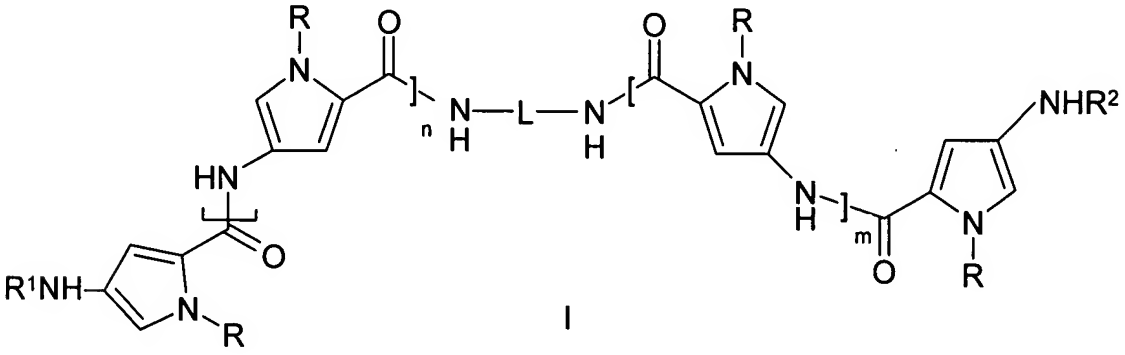
Claim 4 (original): The compound of Claim 1 wherein n and m are 0 or 1.

Claim 5 (canceled):

Claim 6 (previously presented): The compound of Claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently $-COR^3$.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The compound of Claim 6 wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently aminomethylcarbonyl, 1-amino-4-guanidinobutylcarbonyl, 1,4-diaminobutylcarbonyl, 1,5-diaminopentyl-carbonyl, 1-amino-5-(3,4difluorophenylureido)-pentylcarbonyl, 1-(3,4-difluoro-phenylureido)-4-guanidinobutylcarbonyl, 1-[4-(N,N-(2-chloroethyl)-aminophenylbutanoyl)]amino-4-guanidinobutylcarbonyl, or 1-amino-5-[4-(N,N-(2-chloroethyl)-aminophenyl-butanoyl)]aminopentylcarbonyl.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A compound of the Formula (I):



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wherein:

each R is independently alkyl or cycloalkyl**alkyl**;

R^1 and R^2 are, independently of each other:

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) alkyl; or

(iii) $-COR^3$ wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, or alkyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, guanidino, amidino, aminoacyl, $-NHCOR^a$ (wherein R^a is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), $-NHCONHR^a$ (wherein R^a is as defined above), aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, and $-OR^b$ (where R^b is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group that can form a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt;

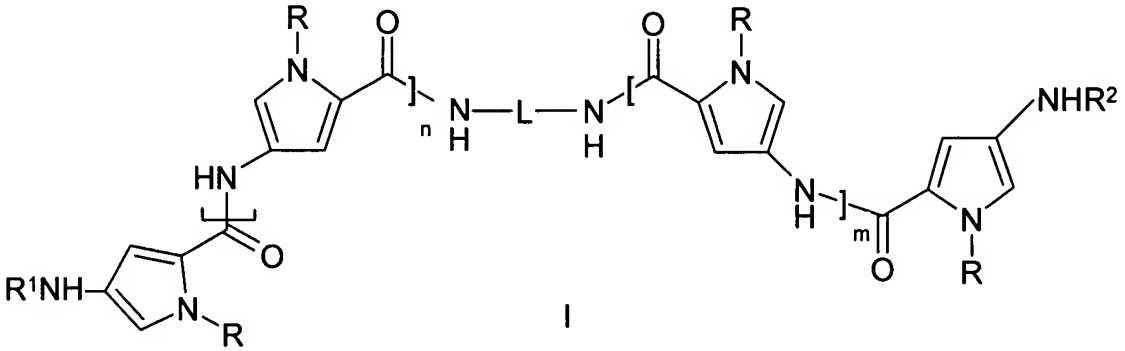
n and m are independently an integer from 0 to 4; and

L is alkylene;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 9 (original): The compound of Claim 8 wherein L is 1,2-ethylene, 1,3-propylene, 1,4-butylene, 1,6-hexylene, 1,8-octylene, 1,12-dodecylene, 1-methylethylene, or 1,2-hexadecylene.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A compound of the Formula (I):



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wherein:

each R is independently alkyl or cycloalkyl**alkyl**;

R^1 and R^2 are, independently of each other:

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) alkyl; or

(iii) $-COR^3$ wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, or alkyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, guanidino, amidino, aminoacyl, $-NHCOR^a$ (wherein R^a is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), $-NHCONHR^a$ (wherein R^a is as defined above), aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, and $-OR^b$ (where R^b is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group that can form a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt;

n and m are independently an integer from 0 to 4; and

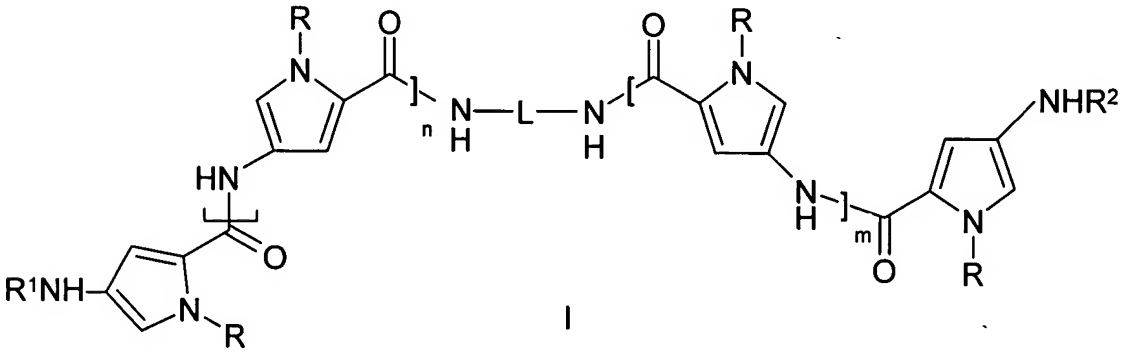
L is alkylene substituted with one, two or three substituent(s) selected from the group consisting of aryl, $-CONHR^4$ (wherein R^4 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl, heterocyclic, substituted heterocyclic, heterocyclicalkyl, heteroarylthioalkyl, or $-(CHR^5)_{n1}-CO-(NH-Ar^3-CO)_m-NH-Ar^4-CO-NHR^3$ where n1 is 1 to 3, R^5 is hydrogen or alkyl, substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^3 are as defined above), $-CONHNHR^6$ [wherein R^6 is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, $-COR^7$, $-COOR^8$ (wherein R^7 and R^8 are independently of each other alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, or heteroaralkyl), heteroaryl, or

heteroaralkyl], -NHR^9 (wherein R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkylcarbonyl, or heterocycliccarbonyl), and guanidino;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 11 (original): The compound of Claim 10 wherein L is meso-1,2-diphenylethylene, 1-(p-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(napth-2-ylaminocarbonyl)-1,5pentylene, 1-(pentafluorophenylhydrazidocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(5-trifluoro-pyrimidin-2-ylhydrazidocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(2-pyrene-lylethylamino-carbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-[2-(6-nitrobenzimidazol-1-ylethylaminocarbonyl]-1,5-pentylene, 1-[2-(indol-3-yl)-ethylaminocarbonyl]-1,5-pentylene, 1-[2-(5-fluoroindol-3-yl)ethylaminocarbonyl]-1,5-pentylene, 1-[2-(4-nitrophenyl)ethylaminocarbonyl]-1,5-pentylene, 1-(benzyloxycarbonyl-hydrazidocarbonyl)-1,2-ethylene, 1-(napth-l-ylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(4-pyrene-1-ylbutylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, l-(2-(2-trifluoromethylquinolin-4-yl)thio-ethylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(pentafluorophenylhydrazidocarbonyl)-1,4-butylene, 1-(4-pyrene-1-ylmethylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(2-hydroxyethylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(2-aminoethylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl-aminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(bis-(2-aminoethyl)aminoethylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 1-(N-(2-aminoethyl)amino-ethylaminocarbonyl)-1,5-pentylene, 2-(aminomethylcarbonyl-amino)-1,3-propylene, or 2-(3-hydroxypyrrolidin-5-ylcarbonyl-amino)-1,3-propylene.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A compound of the Formula (I):



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wherein:

each R is independently alkyl or cycloalkyl**alkyl**;

R^1 and R^2 are, independently of each other:

(i) hydrogen;

(ii) alkyl; or

(iii) $-COR^3$ wherein R^3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, or alkyl substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from the group consisting of amino, monosubstituted amino, disubstituted amino, guanidino, amidino, aminoacyl, $-NHCOR^a$ (wherein R^a is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), $-NHCONHR^a$ (wherein R^a is as defined above), aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, and $-OR^b$ (where R^b is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl), provided that at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group that can form a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt;

n and m are independently an integer from 0 to 4; and

L is $-(alkylene)_x-Z-(alkylene)_y-(Z^a)_z-$ wherein x, y and z are independently 0, 1, or 2 and Z and Z^a are, independently of each other, phenylene, cycloalkylene optionally fused to one or two phenylene ring(s), heterocyclene, -O-, -S-, $-NR^{10}-$ [wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, $-CONHR^4$, $-COR^7$, $-COOR^8$ (where R^4, R^7 and R^8 are as defined above), $-SO_2R^{11}$ (where R^{11} is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, aralkyl, substituted aralkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, or substituted heteroaralkyl) or $-(CHR^5)_{n2}-NH-(CO-Ar^3-NH)_m-CO-Ar^4-NHR^2$ where n2 is 2 to 4, R^5 is hydrogen, alkyl, or substituted alkyl, and Ar^3, m, Ar^4, and R^2 are as defined above], -CO-NH-, or -NH-CO-,

provided that when Z and/or Z^a is $-NR^{10}-$ then it is separated from another nitrogen atom by at least two carbon atoms;

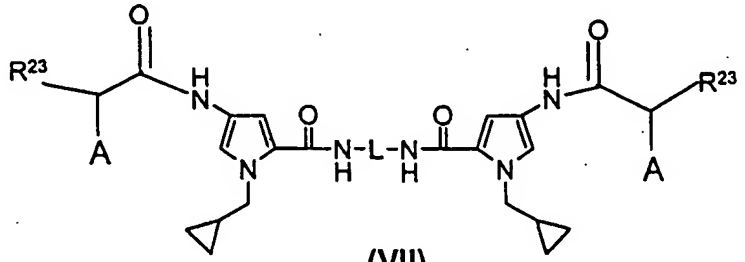
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 13 (original): The compound of Claim 12 wherein L is m-xylene, p-xylene, 2,7-fluorendiyl, *bis*-(3-N-benzyloxycarbonylamino)propylene [-$(CH_2)_3$-N(BzOCO-)-$(CH_2)_3$-], *bis*-(2-napth-2-ylsulfonylamino)ethylene [-$(CH_2)_2$-N(-SO_2napth-2-yl)-$(CH_2)_2$-], *bis*-(2-N-3,5-dinitrophenylcarbonylamino)ethylene [-$(CH_2)_2$-N(-CO-3,5-dinitrophenyl)-$(CH_2)_2$-], 1,3-cyclohexyl-bis-methylene [-(CH_2)-(1,3-C_6H_{10})-(CH_2)-], 1,4-cyclohexyl-bis-methylene [-(CH_2)-(1,4-C_6H_{10})-(CH_2)-], 4,4'-methylene-bis-1,4-cyclohexylene [-(1,4-C_6H_{10})-(CH_2)-(1,4-C_6H_{10})-], 1,2-cyclohexylene (1,2-C_6H_{10}-), *bis*-(2-adamantyll-ylcarbonylamino)ethylene, *bis*-(3-N-methylamino)propylene [-$(CH_2)_3$-N(-CH_3)-$(CH_2)_3$-], *bis*-(3-amino)propylene [-$(CH_2)_3$-NH-$(CH_2)_3$-], 1,4-piperazino- *bis*-propylene [-$(CH_2)_3$-(1,4-piperazino)-$(CH_2)_3$-] , *bis*-(2-(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethylene [-$(CH_2)_2$-N(-$(CH_2)_2NH_2$)-$(CH_2)_2$-], and *bis*-(2-amino)ethylene [-$(CH_2)_2$-NH-$(CH_2)_2$-] .

Claim 14 (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of Claims 1, 3-4 and 6-13 and a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

Claim 15-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): A compound of claim 1 which compound is represented by formula (VII)



(VII)

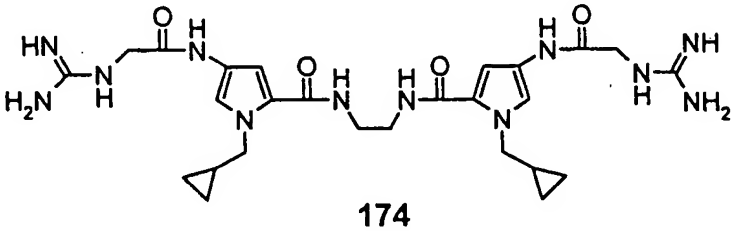
wherein

L is selected from the group consisting of alkylene and cycloalkylene;

A is an amino acid side chain; and

R^{23} is selected from the group consisting of guanidino, amino, and ornithylamino.

Claim 21 (original): A compound of claim 20 selected from the group consisting of



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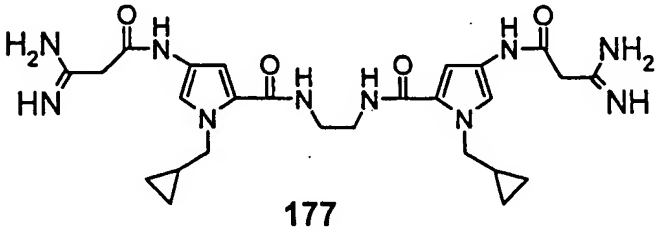

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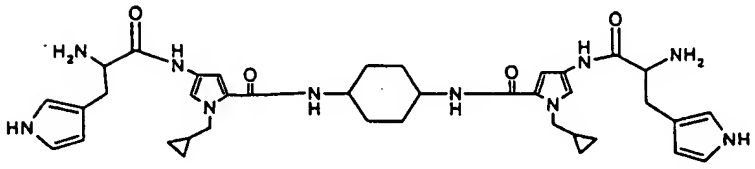

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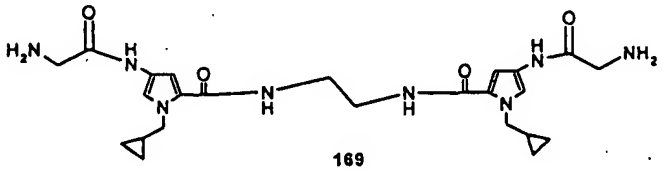

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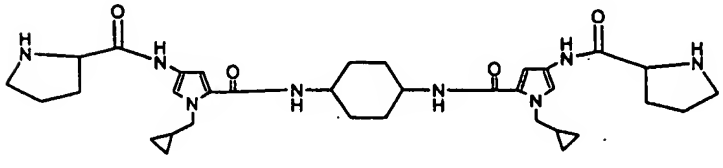

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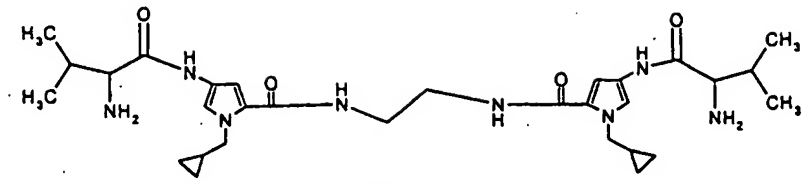

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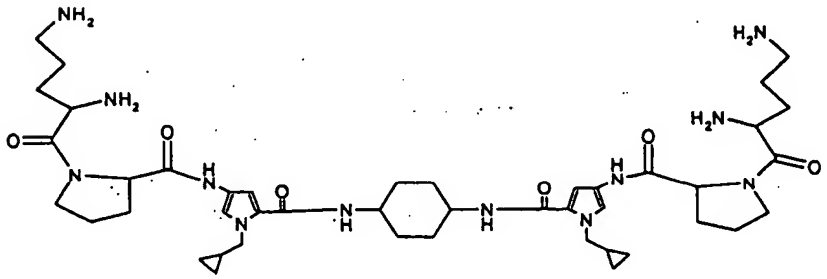

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 22 (canceled)